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85294 15 15 10 5 2 1 TENS MONTH DAY UNITS HUND TENS UNITS

YEARS FLYING EXPERIENCE 4 January 1944 1654 PILOT'S NAME HOURS FLYING EXPERIENCE

LTH NAME AND RANK OF PILOT ENGEL, E. R. Lieut. LOCATION Quillayute, Washington

SERVICE AND GROUP USNR PURPOSE OF FLIGHT Escort

ORGANIZATION BlimpRon-23 FLYING OR LANDING CONDITIONS Low visibility, turbulence

DATE OF PILOT RATING FLYING EXPERIENCE (YEARS) HRS. THIS MODEL LAST 3 MOS. 231.8 TOTAL HOURS 803.9

PREVIOUS ACCIDENT RECORD ANALYSIS

INJURIES Lacerations of left hand C The landing crew was inexperienced, the mooring mast was not in condition to be used, the power winch was out of gasoline and the battery was missing, the tow tractor was not hitting on all cylinders, and there was an altercation between one of the local officers and the balloon officer in charge of the ground crew. On the final attempt to mast the ship a gust of wind pulled the line out from the mast and the ship was finally blown into a large tree where it stayed. Attempts to rip were not successful as the forward rip line was not attached to the rip panel, but to a patch near the rip panel.

NAME AND RANK OF OTHER PERSONNEL INJ. This was a landing at an emergency field in very strong gusts

Ens. O. O. Zdrale, USNR D

Ens. D. Whalen, USNR D

Brennan, G. A. ACMM D

Nobletts, E. S. ACRM (Spinal frac.) B

Edwards, P. P. ARM3c (lac. face) C

Moore, W. STM3c D

Lawrence F. S2c (Spinal frac.) B

Copeland, H. Civilian D

AIRCRAFT: CLASS ZNP

MODEL AND NUMBER K-39 #

DAMAGE A B C D E M REMARKS

AIRPLANE X

ENG. 1 X

ENG. 2 X

ENG. 3

ENG. 4

ENG. 5

ENG. 6

Ship demolished. Starboard engine slightly damaged. Port engine severely damaged.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT E-2

PERCENTAGE EACH CAUSE

50% PE (judgment) 40% OP (ground handling officer) 10% Misc. (weather, other)

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AIRCRAFT CLASS AIRCRAFT NATURE

MAJOR GROUP

DETAIL CAUSE

AGE

WRECK